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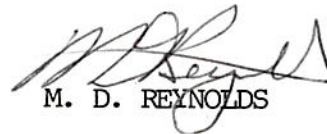
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I. BASIC HISTORY

A. COMMAND ORGANIZATION - previously submitted.

B. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

The following is a chronological summary of significant COMLATWING ONE operations and events during CY 76.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
January	Back-in-the-saddle review and safety standdown conducted by LATWING ONE squadrons.
February	Staff pilots participated in USS ROOSEVELT (CVA 42) REFTRA. CLAW-1 provided detachment to NAS Atlanta, GA to conduct VA-205 enlisted personnel conventional weapons loading training.
March	Conducted ORE for the VA-15 & 87 in USS AMERICA (CV 66). Conducted ORE for VA-82 & 86 in USS NIMITZ (CVAN 68).
May	Conducted ORE for VA-81 & 83 in USS FORRESTAL (CV 59). SIXTH Annual Corsair Ball, Independent Life Bldg, Jacksonville, Fla.
July	VA-12 & 66 deployed to MCAS YUMA for weapons training to fill time vacated by VA-174. CAPT M. D. REYNOLDS, CLAW-1, embarked in USS ROOSEVELT (CV 42) with Commander Tactical Wings Atlantic as Chief of Staff; return AUG 76 for ORE.
August	Conducted ORE for VA-46 & 72 in USS J. F. KENNEDY (CV 67). Conducted ORE for VA-153, 155, 215 in USS ROOSEVELT (CV 42).
September	CLAW-1 host of COMTACWINGSLANT Commanders Conference at NAS Cecil Field, Fla.
October	VA-82 named McCluskey Award Winner. VA-82 nominated for Battle "E" Award. Plant visit to McDonnell Douglas for A-18 orientation. LATWING ONE Combined Federal Campaign Results: 118% of goal. CLAW-1 detachment to NAS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for VC-10 conventional weapons loading training. CLAW-1 representative attended the meeting of the Air Operational Group concerning Electronic Warfare and Close Air Support.
November	CLAW-1 provided final review of updated A7 Airborne Weapons/Stores Loading Manual for the Naval Weapons Evaluation Facility. CLAW-1 Command Inspection by Commander Tactical Wings Atlantic, RADM J. H. SCOTT.

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December

Conducted ORE for VA-12 & 66 in USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62).
CLAW-1 Bombing Derby held at NAS Cecil - VA-105 winning
squadron.

C. SPECIAL TOPICS

1. LATWING ONE implemented a prototype ramp security system in August 1976, incorporating an integrated perimeter watch with an armed roving patrol. The first section of a security fence segregating LATWING hangars and flight line areas from the rest of NAS Cecil Field was completed in October 1976, with completion of a security fence to enclose all ramp areas of NAS Cecil Field scheduled for July 1977. An integrated NAS Cecil, LATWING ONE, and VS Wing ONE Security Force will be formed based on the force developed by CLAW-1.

2. Dr. J. L. Alderman, TAC Development and Evaluation, developed and published a self-instruction aid to pilots entitled: "An Attack Pilots Guide to Planning Defensive Maneuvers Against Fighter Aircraft" and introduced lectures on air-to-air gunnery and energy maneuvering into the curriculum of the LATWING ONE Advanced Weapons School.

COMMANDER LIGHT ATTACK WING ONE

(b) (6) Captain M. D. REYNOLDS was born in (b) (6). A native of Georgia, he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology where he was the outstanding student of the year in 1953, and graduated with a bachelor of Civil Engineering Degree in 1954. He received his commission from the Officer Candidate School in March 1955. He attended flight training in Pensacola, Florida and was designated a Naval Aviator in July 1956, and is a graduate of the United States Postgraduate School.

His assignments include duty with Attack Squadron THIRTY-SIX at NAS Cecil Field, Florida flying F9F-5 and F9F-8 aircraft, Fleet All Weather Training Unit, Attack Squadron FORTY-FOUR at NAS Jacksonville, Florida flying F9F-8 and A4D-1 aircraft, Training Squadron FOUR at NAS Pensacola, Florida as a Flight Instructor, Attack Squadron ONE TWO FIVE, Attack Squadron NINETY-THREE on board the USS ORISKANY deployed in Western Pacific, Attack Squadron ONE SEVEN FOUR as an instructor pilot and Executive Officer, Attack Squadron FORTY-SIX as Executive Officer and later as Commanding Officer on board the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY deployed in the Mediterranean. He was detached from the Squadron in March 1972 in Athens, Greece and reported to the Staff of Commander Fleet Air Jacksonville. He later served as Commander Attack Carrier Air Wing THREE, and on the Staff of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group TWELVE. Captain REYNOLDS assumed command of Light Attack Wing ONE on 3 July 1975. Commander Light Attack Wing ONE is responsible for the overall operation, administration, training, readiness and inspection of twelve fleet attack squadrons and two shore based training squadrons.

Captain REYNOLDS has completed three combat tours and wears the Navy Cross, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, nineteen Air Medals, and two Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V".

He is married to the former (b) (6) and they have three children.

ANNEX B

CLAW-1 LIGHT ATTACK WEAPONS SCHOOL (LAWS)

GRADUATES 1976

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>GRADUATES</u>
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS LOADING (ENLISTED)	270
ADVANCED WEAPONS SCHOOL (OFFICERS)	29